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Date: Sun, Apr 6, 2003 12:13 AM
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Subject: media consolidation

I am writing to inform you that I oppose rule changes to allow for more media outlets to be concentrated into fewer corporate hands. I believe this will be harmful to community control and diversity and ultimately lead to a weakening of democracy. Thank you. Linda A. Stein 125 Pleasant Hill Drive Cheltenham PA 19012

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